

Former 9/11 Commission Members Release New Terror Threat Assessment

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Report Calls for Renewed Commitment to State and Local Frontline Training and Information Sharing

The Bipartisan Policy Center's [National Security Preparedness Group](#) ^[1] released a report on September 10, 2010, entitled, "Assessing the Terrorist Threat." The report details the current terrorism landscape, including the increasing danger of homegrown or foreign-trained extremists carrying out acts of terrorism on American soil.

One of the group's conclusions points to greater state and local public safety engagement and effective information sharing as keys to preventing terrorist attacks:

Improving the odds of effectively countering today's increasingly dynamic and diversified terrorist threat will require a much greater degree of engagement of state and local public safety officials. As the ranks of U.S. recruits have grown, the new frontlines have become the streets of Bridgeport, Denver, Minneapolis, and other big and small communities across America. Making sure that the nation's 50,000 public safety agencies are kept apprised of the changing face of terrorism poses a significant training and information-sharing challenge, but one that America neglects at its peril.(p. 31-32.)

The Center's National Security Preparedness Group is led by 9/11 Commission Chair, Thomas H. Kean, and Vice Chair, Lee H. Hamilton, and focuses its efforts on national intelligence, terrorism, and security issues, continuing the work of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) and its successor, the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

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